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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment into the case.

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✓ Please delete the paragraph beginning at p. 6, line 1 and ending at p. 6, line 2.

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